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USING CHARGE-SWITCH
NUCLEOTIDES

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Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This amendment has been prepared under the newly revised format set forth by the USPTO in the Office of Patent Legal Administration Pre-OG Notice of January 31, 2003. It is Applicants understanding that by following the provisions of the new format, the provisions under 37 CFR § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments to the claims, specification and drawings.